
Title: BALANCE

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PRINCIPLES OF BALANCE

I write this in great
haste, for I can already
hear the forces of Order
breaching the keep walls.
I know not how this
missive will survive to
reach the outside lands,
or for that matter,
future generations. Mine
only hope is that this
speedily-drafted work will
offer record of our
hallowed philosophy. For
our culture to have any
chance of enduring the
ages, someone, somewhere
must find this. Please,
reader, I beseech thee,
spread the word of our
peoples.

Balance -- The harmony
between the Principles of
Order and Chaos -- is
the one pure axiom we
hold true. All three
Principles are symbolized
in our hieroglyphs: The
Great Earth Serpent,
keeper of Balance, lies on
a vertical plane, around
which the two opposing
serpents of Chaos and
Order wrap themselves.
Chaos and Order each
embrace three Forces.
These six Forces, when
combined, form the three
Principles of Balance. The
Forces of Chaos are
Tolerance, Enthusiasm, and
Emotion; the Forces of
Order are Ethicality,
Discipline, and Logic.

CHAOS -- Tolerance is
that which encourages the
acceptance of all things.
Enthusiasm is the energy
that allows one to
perform great tasks.
Emotion is the ability to
perceive those feelings
that come from the
heart, as opposed to
coming from the mind.

ORDER -- Ethicality is
the belief that there is
great value in abiding by
rules of conduct.
Discipline is the drive to
complete a task and avoid
the distractions that will
prevent its completion.
Logic permits clear,
reasoned thought, free
from any instinctual
biases.

BALANCE -- From the
marriage between two
Forces, one each from
Chaos and Order, come
the Principles. Tolerance
and Ethicality combine to
form Harmony, the ability
to be at peace with the
self, the individual, and
the world. From the union
of Enthusiasm and
Discipline springs
Dedication, that which
permits one to surmount
obstacles and lead others.
Finally, Emotion tempered
by Logic results in
Rationality, the ability to
comprehend life and
understand the world
around us.

The Forces of Chaos and
Order must ever remain
in Balance, for imbalance
leads to disaster. Witness
the war-torn state of
our world today! As thou
canst surely see, my
world hath been torn
asunder by disregard for
Balance -- our dearest
axiom! If thou dost thrive
in a time less violent, I

can do no more than
plead with thee to help
restore Balance to the
Serpent Isle! I must end
this brief explication here,
for I can hear mine
attackers pounding upon
the oaken door
downstairs. I wish thee
and thy world better
fortune than mine own.

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- Ssithnos, the Great
Hierophant